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**polar bear**



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Polar bear

Burt Township School, Alger County  
Grand Marais, Michigan





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First highschool in Alger County.  
Located behind the present school.



1895 building was given a second story  
about 1905 and served Grand Marais until 1928.



Class of 1895 (Clockwise starting lower left) Tina Sturridge, Jessie Riopelle, Kate Green, Emma Murkley, Fannie Gagnet, Belle McCall, (Center) Rupert A. Bell.

Class picture might have had more boys but most were at work in the mills and too busy for such frivolities.

## DIAMOND GRADUATION

The Class of 1974 represents the 75th graduating class from Grand Marais. While the "system" made use of buildings on other locations, there has been a "schoolhouse" located near the plot of ground presently occupied by the Burt Township School since the beginning of school life here in 1885.





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THE 1974  
YEARBOOK  
DEDICATION

The 1974 Yearbook is dedicated to all the people of the Grand Marais community who have so generously given of their time, ideas, and talents to make projects such as this yearbook possible. We are deeply grateful to each and everyone of you.

The Class of 1974





1973 Snowmobile Queen Jody Massey  
& her court.



A new vault for the new bank.



An Amish family visit the U.P. via covered wagon.



Repairing Sable Falls  
Nature Trail.

# WHAT'S HAPPENIN'?



A hockey game on the new rink.



Pickel Barrel Pick-up.



Daylight Savings Time saves energy???



Search & Rescue Team at work.

There goes my old Ford!



Where there's a will there's a way!



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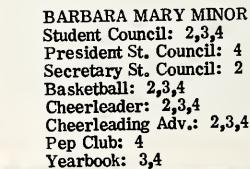
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President: 2  
Baseball: 2,3,4,



JAMES MURRAY ELLIOTT  
Student Council: 4  
Basketball: 4  
Baseball: 4  
Yearbook: 4



BETHLENE MARGARET SENECA  
Secretary-Treasurer: 1,2,3  
Treasurer: 4  
Basketball: 1,2,3,4  
Cheerleader: 3,4  
Capt. Cheerleaders: 4  
Pep Club: 4  
Yearbook: 4



BARBARA MARY MINOR  
Student Council: 2,3,4  
President St. Council: 4  
Secretary St. Council: 2  
Basketball: 2,3,4  
Cheerleader: 2,3,4  
Cheerleading Adv.: 2,3,4  
Pep Club: 4  
Yearbook: 3,4





WILLIAM EDWARD BRITZ JR.

President: 4  
Student Council: 2,3  
Basketball: 1,2,3,4  
Capt. Basketball Team: 4  
Baseball: 2,3,4  
Yearbook: 4

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KAREN SUE THOMPSON

President: 1,2,3  
Basketball: 1,2,3  
Yearbook: 3,4

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LEON ARTHUR SMITH

Vice-President: 4  
Basketball: 1,2,3,4  
Baseball: 2,3,4  
Yearbook: 3,4

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ANN MICHELL MORROW

Vice-President: 3  
Secretary: 4  
Basketball: 2,3,4  
Cheerleader: 3,4  
Pep Club: 4  
Yearbook: 3,4

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# SENIOR ACTIVITIES



All my children.



How do we measure up?



Coffee, tea, or ME?



Future housewives of America?



Seniors have SPIRIT!!!



Let me count that again.



\$\$\$\$\$ On our way to Washington D.C.



Queen Beth & King Bill



NAME	NICKNAME	HOPES TO BE	SURE TO BE
John	J.B.	President	Impeached
Bill	Chump	?	!
Beth	Chartreuse	German	Polish
Jim	Calculus-Radius	Forester	Pyromaniac
Barb	Brainiac	Teacher	One of the "2 out of 10!"
Karen	Karen T.	Doctor	Patient
Ann	Mottow Mouth	Eloquent	(Censured!)
Leon	Noel	Super-Athelete	Crippled
Seniors	Money-Grubbers	Solvent	Bankrupt

# Senior Class Will

WITH ALL OUR WORLDLY GOODS:

John wills his quietness to Natalie so Mr. Beaver can have "Peace on Earth!"

Little Billie wills his two-tone shoes to the School Board President.

Beth wills her ability to throw numbers on the other side and on the bottom to Mr. Peterman so he can have another great algebra class!

Jim wills his bass voice to Billy Thompson so he can charm the opposite sex.

Barb wills her split ends to Jo with the stipulation that if she ever finds a cure she is to tell her at once!

Karen wills her legs, (which we've never seen), to Mr. Block and his blue suit.

Ann wills her ability to "keep it down" to Mary Mosey so he won't bring it up at parties.

Leon wills his height to Parm so he won't have to look Fred in the naval!

Seniors will their "sick humor" to anyone who can't appreciate a good joke.



MAY THE CLASS OF '74 REST IN PEACE.

AMEN!!!!





If they could see us now....!



SLURP!!!



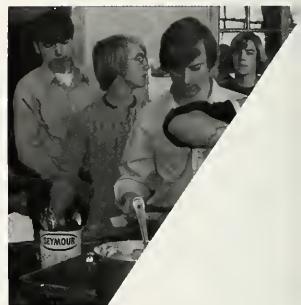
How dare you!!??



Just cleaning my claws!



You stab 'em----We slab 'em!!!



Should I risk it??



Hi Toots!



Class.....Shut-up!



How do we turn it off??

## JR. ACTIVITIES

# JUNIORS

Don Alverson  
Sandy Eastman  
Irene Endress  
Sharon Gage



Joetta Handrich  
Kim Kirkens  
Mitzi Laeder  
Jodee Lefebvre



Marty Massey  
Aleta Niemi  
Ron Tester  
John Thompson



Your move, Sweet Pea!!!

Steve Vining



Master sign-maker at work.



## SOPHOMORES

Kim Becker  
Patsy Corey  
Monte Heacox  
John Jenkins



Bob Johnson  
Pam Martin  
Mercedes Niemi  
Chris Richardson



Cliff Smith  
Fred Smith  
Gene Van de Voren



One word out'a you and I'll belt ya!



They must be faking.

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# FRESHMEN

Sarah Bridger  
Bonnie Buhk  
Art Gage  
Parm Heacox



Nola Laeder  
Kaleen Lefebvre  
Jody Massey  
Kathy Minor



Marilyn Mixon  
Walter Mixon  
Terry O'Driscoll  
John Peterman



Tammy Tester  
Chris Thompson



A little soft shoe?



Wanna buy a cupcake?



## 8TH GRADE

Tammy Becker  
Dennis Elliott  
Jeff Heacox  
Roxanne Hicks



Chris Lundquist  
Francis Martin  
Sharon Massey  
Lisa McDonald



Russel Nibbelink  
Mark Phillips  
Lisa Richardson  
Bill Thompson



Chuck Varner



Caution: Brain at work!



Looking for a caption?  
Faked ya out didn't we?!!!

HEIL!!!!!!:



## 7TH GRADE

Ramona Bailey  
Cindy Barney  
Dawn Becker  
Randy Becker



Natalie Coles  
Mike Corey  
Diane Klotz  
Ken Laeder



Dave Minor  
Noreen Monache  
Cindy Potter  
Darryl Propst



Dawn Thompson



I'd rather play leap frog than cheer.

## 6TH GRADE

Toni Blades  
Ora Endress  
Kevin Kirkens  
Becky Krackowski



Lisa Lefebvre  
John Micka  
Lisa Monache  
Mike Morrow



Susan Nibbelink  
Troy Potter  
Cindy Purple  
Jeff Sybil



Loretta Smith  
Mike Varner  
Rose Ylimaki



The making of a Spasky????



Wait your turn.

## 5TH GRADE

Holly Becker  
Jamie Becker  
Michael Becker  
Debbie Klotz



Mike Laeder  
Rodney Mattson  
Richard Micka  
Karen Minor



Rene' Pirlot  
Tammy Potter  
Doug Rowe  
Robbie Weinfurter



How much arsenic do I add?



Wait a minute.....I won!



Field trip to the Seney Wildlife Refuge.



Patty Krackowski



Jake Potter



Shad Propst



David Ross



Darlene Rowe



Kevin Thorrrington

## 4TH GRADE



Halloween Happenings.



Go West young man!

## 3RD GRADE

Kathy Becker



Beverly Buhk

Steve Becker



Jerry Purple



Don Smith



Gordie Tester





Puppy Love.



I think I've got everything.



What do I do now?



Down the UP staircase.

Should we do a cheer?



## 2ND GRADE

Michelle Bailey  
Michael Bailey  
Brenda Buhk



Bob Hicks  
Linell Lefebvre  
Paul McDonald



Sandy Monache  
Carl Rowe  
Robin Thompson



Running Bear!



What goes up must come down.

# 1ST GRADE

Chris Bailey  
Tony Block  
Don Hicks



Kelly Klotz  
Keith Pirlot  
Eddie Potter



Kathy Ross  
Dale Ross  
Darrin Ross



Duane Rowe  
Joey Venturato  
Greg Weinfurter



# KINDERGARTEN

Micky Flanders  
Ron Hicks  
Lauri Micka





MR. BECKER  
Superintendent  
Secondary

MR. BLOCK  
Principal  
Secondary



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Secondary  
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Elementary  
Music



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Elementary  
Cheerleading Adv.



MR. BEAVER  
Secondary  
Varsity Coach



MR. PETERMAN  
Secondary  
Elementary



MRS. OLLI  
Elementary

MRS. BENNETT  
Special Education



# Personnel



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Secretary



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Cook



DR. JOHN GRABOW  
Psychologist



MR. DAVE BECKER  
Custodian

MRS. RITA POND  
School Nurse



MR. JIM THORRINGTON  
Bus Driver



MR. JEFF MILLER  
Speech Therapist

# School Board



(L. to R.) Ray Smith, Henry Holzaur--Treasurer, Howard Willis, Marge Thompson--Secretary, Jerry Alverson--President, Joe Venturato, (Insert) Donna Buhk.



## ATHLETICS

Grand Marais did well this year, with the Polar Bears having a won-lost record of 10-5, the Mama Bears having a record of 4-4, and the Cubs having a record of 5-5. The Teddy Bears won the two games they played against Germfask.

The Polar Bears were defeated by Paradise in three extremely close games early in the year. We came back to beat the Rockets February 15th at Home coming 75-40.

In our first two games with Alba we came out the victors in fairly close com-

petition. Our trip to "Wildcat Country" later in the year was cancelled due to foul weather and Alba forfeited both games.

GM boys did not go to Mackinac Island this year due to the Lakers dropping out of competition for the year. We hope they will rejoin the Northern Lights League again next year.

The Cubs were beaten by the Paradise Launchers in all four games but GM showed a steady improvement by narrowing the score with each successive en-

counter.

The Cubs had little trouble with the rest of their competition, beating them all except Manistique and only losing to them by one point.

The Mama Bears split two games each with Manistique and Mackinac Island. We had no trouble with the Munising Mustangs but lost two close games to the Newberry Indians.

The year was highlighted by close exciting games.





Don't bug me chump!

# CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENTS 1973!

He's wearing his legs!



Don't "buck it."



During the 1973 Christmas Tournaments the Polar Bear's playing was excellent. On Friday night they beat Paradise by a score of 72-49, with only 13 turnovers -----a record for Coach Beaver's team. On Saturday morning they came back and beat Alba, to take the trophy with a score of 54-50 in a close exciting game.



Pshaw!



The fatal five!

CHAMPIONS!!!





GRIZZLY BEARS (Coach Mike Becker)



PANDA BEARS (Coach Mike Corey)

# GRIZZLY & PANDA BEARS



What a shot!!



Get 'em!



GRIZZLY BEAR CHEERLEADERS



Jump high!



PANDA BEAR CHEERLEADERS



Now look here boys....



Yay, Teddy Bears!



(L. to R.) Loretta Smith, Debbie Klotz, Lisa Lefebvre, Becky Krackowski, Toni Blades, Rose Ylimaki, Jamie Becker, Karen Minor, Rene' Pirlot, Cindy Purple, Lisa Monache.

(Back Row L. to R.) Rodney Mattson, Troy Potter, Mike Morrow, Ora Endress, Coach Carl Minor.

(Front Row L. to R.) Mike Becker, Mike Laeder, John Micka, Doug Rowe, Richard Micka.

# TEDDY BEARS



Got it!



Get outta my way!





(Back Row L. to R.)

Jeff Heaco, Francis Martin, Russel Nibbelink, Dennis Elliott, Dave Minor, Coach Carl Minor.

(Front Row L. to R.)

Ken Laeder, Mark Phillips, Randy Becker, Mike Corey, Darryl Propst.



Shocking!!!!!!



Dancing in the moonlight?  
Move aside!



You tell 'em Coach!

# CUBS



What a jump!



Don't touch!





(Top L. to R.) Barb Minor,  
Jodee Lefebvre (Bottom L.  
to R.) Joetta Handrich, Beth  
Senecal, Ann Morrow.



HELP!



All together girls!



CHEERLEADERS



Oh he missed.



(Left Picture Top L. to R.) Roxanne Hicks, Chris Lundquist, (Bottom) Cindy Barney, Dawn Becker, Lisa McDonald. (Right Picture Top L. to R.) Dawn Thompson, Noreen Monache, Tammy Becker, (Bottom) Natalie Coles, Diane Klotz.

TA DAH!





Up for two.



No, it's my ball!

# MAMA



Go get 'em Ann!



Way to go Pam!



(From L. to R.) Barb Minor, Mitzi Laeder, Nola Laeder, Kim Becker, Pam Martin, Coaches Fr. Ted Brodeur and Bob Holtzman, Joetta Handrich, Sandy Eastman, Ann Morrow, Jody Massey, Kathy Minor.

# BEARS



There's that man with the camera again.



Now girls.....



Wow! There he goes.....Superman!



47; 47; 47 (Polish Joke)



Will Kim make it? Tune in next week!



How Superfluous.

, no, no nobody stops the Mama Bears!



How high's the score Bob?



Five Fouls AGAIN!!!!

Take it easy girls.



Back! Ha!





Bill Britz Captain



Leon Smith



Jim Elliott



Don Alverson



# POLAR



Tackled on the 40! BASKETBALL??!!!



Here I am world!



Monte Heacox



Cliff Smith



Fred Smith



John Jenkins



Ron Tester



Kim Kirkens



Marty Massey



Mike Morrow  
Manager



Smile Billie!



Naughty, naughty.



Oh NO! They didn't gel.

# BEARS

Bob Johnson



Parm Heacox



Terry O'Driscoll



Coach NEAL BEAVER





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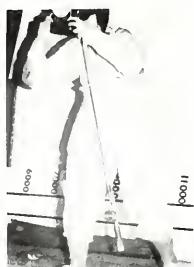
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MR. AND MRS. DON MORROW AND MR. AND MRS. RAY SMITH

for chaperoning our Senior hayride and loaning the Smith camper for our Turkey Shoot.

MR. AND MRS. CARL MINOR, (our class advisor,

for all of your help over the years.

THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1974

FR. TED BRODEUR AND BOB HOLTZMAN

for without your patience and experience the Girl's Varsity team would never have been as fun and rewarding as it turned out to be.

MR. AND MRS. EARL EASTMAN

for starting a uniform fund for the Girl's Varsity team.

THE MAMA BEARS

MRS. CAROL PETERMAN

for being our cheerleading advisor. Thanks for the many long hours you have spent after school working with us, traveling to all our games and being a shoulder to lean on.

THE VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

MRS. SANDY KLOTZ

for donations you have made throughout the school year.

THE CLASS OF 1979

"GRUMPY"

for the use of your establishment. Our bakesales were a great boost to our treasury.

THE CLASS OF 1978

OIVA YLIMAKI

for the help you gave us the weekend of the Snowmobile Races. We appreciate it greatly.

THE CLASS OF 1977

MR. JACK PETERMAN

for being our yearbook advisor. Thanks for the many many, long hours you have put in to make this yearbook the success we think it is.

THE 1974 POLAR BEAR YEARBOOK STAFF

TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF GRAND MARAIS

who support our school in so many ways.

THE STUDENTS AT GMHS



A sure fit.



1973 Athletic Banquet

# LOOKING BACK... .



Senator Davis visits GMHS.



"Generation Gap" takes 1st place in talent.



It must have been "FATE"!



1973 Graduates



Lions Club donates money  
for backboards.



Parents' Night '74



Prom music supplied by the  
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